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**USGA**

**2024 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship Qualifier**  
**Willow Oaks Country Club**

**Notice to Players**

*(This information supplements the Championship entry and the Standard Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2024 USGA Championships)*

**TEE MARKERS/FORMAT:** All play will be from the USGA tee markers. Qualifying and alternate spots will be determined over 18 holes of stroke play. Four (4) qualifying and two (2) alternate spots are available.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Players must walk at all times during a round, with the exemption of any Committee-provided shuttles. Caddies may ride in golf carts.

**GROOVES & PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS:** The players clubs must conform to the grooves and punch mark specification in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Model Local Rule G-3). The exception for Ping Eye2 Irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 is not in effect.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

**DROPPING ZONE: Hole #7** – If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the penalty area, the player may, as an additional option to Rule 17.1d, drop a ball in the dropping zone provided.

**There are no other dropping zones used for this competition.**

**OBSTRUCTIONS:**

- On hole #16, the restroom and adjacent area encircled with white paint is considered to be a continuation of the cart path.
- Immovable obstructions adjacent to each other, including but not limited to sprinkler heads near putting greens, etc., are considered to be a single obstruction.
- Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. **Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
- Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect for greenside fans. Relief procedure may be taken on either side of the TIO.

**NURSERY:** The turf nursery behind #16 green is a wrong putting green. Players must take free relief (Rule 13.1f).

**PLAY-OFF:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifiers or alternate places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff. A starting time for play-off(s) will be announced when the last group finishes play.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** John Barr, Josh Coates, Mason Dirickson, Cody Feldman, Bob Horner, Michael Millen, Dick Posey, Jim Seli, Kay Stout and Bruce Townsend.

